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- 1. Sources in Peru have been unable to uncover any information which would tend to confirm a report that Peruvian forces were contemplating an attack on Colombia at some unspecified date.
- 2. Such operations are considered highly unlikely at the present. The Peruvian fleet is now on the second leg of its routine annual cruise and is visiting various northern ports with full publicity.* The fleet's return to Callac is scheduled for the first week of March, and it therefore would be in no position to aid in any attack until that time. Normal operations of the merchant fleet continue.
- 3. All available air transports have been concentrated in Lima since November and there are no indications that any movement is contemplated in the near future. The air force could furnish only 50% effective support for any operations, since at present there is a shortage of spare parts. Moreover, first line fighter aircraft are now restricted operationally because of corrosion.
- There are no known changes in the northern garrisons. In addition, there are no known recent movements of troops and no concentration of supplies. The shortage of infantry transport continues to be severe. Recent shifts in the army command in the northern area are normal for this time of year.

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The presence of the fleet in northern waters may have given rise to the reported rumor.

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